

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following new paragraph on page 1, line 5 above the heading "Technical Field":

This application is a continuation of co-pending Application No. 09/242,452 filed on February 17, 1999 and for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Application No. 09/242,452 is the national phase of PCT International Application No. PCT/JP97/01659 filed on May 16, 1997 under 35 U.S.C. § 371. The entire contents of each of the above-identified applications are hereby incorporated by reference.